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Jeffrey Leon Battle was a member of a terrorist group dubbed the [Portland Seven](#), some members of which attempted to travel to [Afghanistan](#) shortly after 9/11 in order to aid the [Taliban](#). He refused to cooperate with the government and was sentenced to eighteen years in prison after pleading guilty to seditious conspiracy and levying war against the [United States](#). He had two years added to his sentence for refusing to testify before a grand jury.

Background [edit]

Jeffrey Leon Battle had a checkered past. According to an article in the *Star-Ledger*, "Battle was a ne'er-do-well, a one-time [Mary Kay cosmetics](#) representative who was trying to wriggle out of his commitment to the U.S. Army reserves after washing out in boot camp."^[1]

Jeffrey Leon Battle moved to Portland in the late 1990s from [Houston, Texas](#), where he served as a bodyguard for [New Black Panther](#) leader and community activist [Quaneil X.](#)^[2]

First contact with law enforcement [edit]

